Depleting export targets

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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the textile export targets set for the last four years;

(b) whether it is a fact that the export targets have not been achieved in the last two years;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(d) in view of the depleting targets, whether it is a fact that his Ministry has decided to lower the ambitious US $ 50 billion by 2010 target by 40 per cent

(e) whether it has come to the notice of his Ministry that the decline of exports in textiles is also due to China exporting inferior quality textiles branding as 'Made in India' to African countries; and

(f) if so, the action taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) to (d) Textile export targets set For the last four years and export targets achieved are tabulated below:—

(in US$ Million)

Year	Target	Achievement
2005-06	15565	17080
2006-07	19730	19146
2007-08	25060	22130
2008-09	26556	20940

There has been a shortfall in achieving the target's as may be seen from the table above. The reasons are attributable to the high and persistent appreciation of the Indian rupee *vis-à-vis* the US dollar during 2007-08 leading to lower realization for the textiles sector. This phase was immediately followed by onset of global economic slowdown and recession in the major markets for India's textiles exports, leading to lower sales in these markets. However, there is no proposal to reduce the target for India's exports of textiles and clothing by 40 per cent.

(e) and (f) There was some press report on the Chinese textile products being exported to Nigeria with 'Made-in-India' labels. However, no representation from the Indian textiles industry/association/trade body/export promotion council has been received so far in this regard.